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ELECTION 2004:

TOWNSHIPS

What you need to know if considering a run for office

► Grayling Township will pay newly elected officials less

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

With the filing deadline of May 11 fast approaching, township office hopefuls may wish to consider what their duties will be, meeting days and times, as well as salary and benefits, if they are elected.

Each of the five townships in Crawford County has a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees, forming the Township Board of Trustees. All of them serve four-year terms beginning November 20 following this year's general election on November 2.

To run for a township office, candidates must be a registered voter in that township.

Those who file as a Republican or Democratic candidate must first face election with fellow party candidates in the August 3 Primary election.

Nomination petitions must be submitted to the clerk of the township in which they are running no later than May 11 at 4 p.m. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity may be obtained from the clerk. Petitions must contain the signatures of at least three but no more than 20 registered voters in the particular township. Winners in each of those party races will move on to the general election.

Independent candidates have until July 15 to file their candidacies.

According to the Revised Statutes of 1846 Chapter 16, the following duties are described for township elected officials:

Township Supervisors preside over township meetings, and is the chief assessor of the township. He or she is tasked with making of the tax rolls in the township and also serves as the

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City residents can turn off their trickles

In February, the City of Grayling Department of Public Works (DPW) asked residents and business owners who have city water service to leave their water faucets run at a fine trickle to prevent frozen water lines. Those who have done so are now asked to turn the water off.

"The warm weather in the past few days has sufficiently warmed the ground to prevent further freeze-ups," explained Chad Beckett, Acting Director of the DPW.

Anyone with questions may contact the city office at (989) 348-2131.

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Pinewood Derby



Scouts and leaders from the Wolves (of Grayling's Cub Scout Pack 3993) watch as the scouts' Pinewood Derby race cars speed down the track at the 2004 Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 27, at AuSable Primary. Scouts from the Webelo, Bear, and Tiger groups also raced on Saturday.

Swan returns to Grayling with new companion

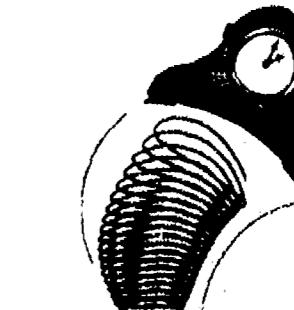


Photo by Susan Warrington

The male trumpeter swan (black band on neck) has been coming to the Grayling area for over five years. Last year, his mate and one cygnet were shot and the cygnet was killed. The wounded adult female will never again be released to the wild. People here wondered whether the male would return. He has and apparently has another companion.

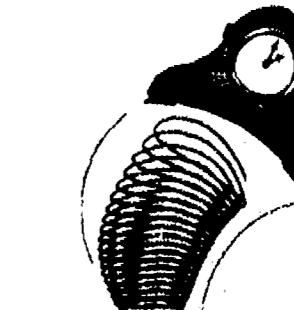
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Spring forward this weekend

Daylight Savings Time (DST) returns to Michigan this weekend. Residents are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before retiring, as DST begins officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4.



DNR taxes in default

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Facing a 17 percent decrease in state revenue sharing from sales tax collected, municipalities in Crawford County, and around the state, now face the hardship of nonpayment of taxes by the state on land it owns.

The Winter 2003 property taxes, or PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), were billed to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on December 1, 2003 and were due February 14. Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said the taxes are overdue and he doesn't know when the bill will be paid. (State lands are exempt from summer taxes.)

"We are going to bill the state just like we would bill anyone, including interest," said Wakeley, "except they won't pay interest... and we can't foreclose on them." The DNR, the fourth largest taxpayer in the county, owes \$57,298.58 in overdue tax money to Crawford County and its municipalities.

Because of the state's nonpayment of taxes, townships and locally funded agencies will be short of funding, as well.

The Crawford County Transit Authority or "Dial-A-Ride," as it is commonly known, is shorted \$3776.09; the Crawford

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Need for 24-hour road patrol hits home for one couple

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

It was by coincidence that Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were available to answer a desperate call for help when a Grayling Township couple found a man trying to enter their home in the wee hours of the morning, March 28. And the couple was glad they were there.

A retirement ceremony Saturday evening for a Michigan State Police officer prompted a rare request by that department to the Sheriff's office for midnight road patrol in Crawford County, allowing more troopers to attend the event. Without that coverage, Bud and Judy Morgan aren't sure how their emergency would have turned out.

With no regular midnight shift on road patrol, Crawford County residents living outside the Grayling City limits have to depend on state police coverage

when there is an emergency. With the state police post working with a reduced staff and limited budget as well as the county, coverage can be spread thin.

It was about 3 a.m. when the Morgans' three dogs began barking and they realized someone was trying to enter their home through the front door.

Knowing that they may have to wait for a trooper to make it to Grayling Township from anywhere in their three-county area of coverage was very unsettling, and Judy even admits that she and her husband hesitated calling 911 and were considering handling the situation on their own.

They called 911 and Dispatcher Dennis Wallace kept Bud on the line while the would-be intruder tried to jimmy the lock, then tried using a credit

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Road Commission

Fund balance hit hard by harsh winter

► Winter of 2003-04 worse than '02-03 and '01-02

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

For the Crawford County Road Commission, the winter of 2003-04 was quite a bit worse than the previous two winters, and Road Commission officials plan to closely monitor revenues and expenditures for the next several months.

The Road Commission spent about \$100,000 more in winter maintenance this year than in the winter of 2002-03, and about \$210,000 more this year than in the winter of 2001-02.

"The winter did hurt us," Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said. "The skiers loved it. The road guys hate it. We're hoping we don't see any more snow."

Babcock said the increased costs came from several areas during this year's harsh winter, including materials (salt), fuel, wages, and overtime.

Three environmental projects approved

► Scrap tires, milfoil invasion, large junk items to be addressed

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Environment projects concerning local scrap tire cleanup, lake preservation and junk collection have been approved for funding by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

In February, the Board approved the creation of a program for environmental projects within the county which would grant up to \$10,000 each year to municipalities, individuals and groups. However, applications for the grant monies must be made through the municipality in which the project will be conducted.

Funding for the program comes from the Enforcement and Recycling Fund created from revenue received from Waste Management for the operation of the Waters Landfill. No funding comes from the county's general fund toward the expense of environmental improvement projects.

On March 17, the Board approved \$4,000 for a county-wide scrap tire cleanup program to run in conjunction with the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in June, another \$4,000 toward the application of herbicides in Lake Margrethe to fight the invasion of Eurasian Milfoil this summer, and \$720.96 to South Branch Township for the collection of large items, such as old furniture and mattresses during two one-day events scheduled for May 22 and September 11.

No metal, construction materials or appliances will be accepted. (Residents are asked to take those items to the scrap dealer located east of the township hall.)

South Branch Township Supervisor Joe Myers said the large item collection days are for South Branch residents only. A dump permit will be required.

Death under investigation

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Grayling City Police and Mobile Medical Response (MMR) responded to a medical emergency the morning of March 29 in Grayling Township.

Upon their arrival, Deputies discovered Jeffrey Hoesli, age 22 of Grayling, unresponsive in his residence. Life-saving efforts were made by both the officers on scene and ambulance personnel, without success.

Sheriff's Office personnel are conducting an investigation to determine the circumstances of Hoesli's death. An autopsy is scheduled for this week to determine the cause.

"Everything went up," he said. According to a Road Commission report, Crawford County received about 14 feet of snow in the north portion of the county and about nine feet of snow in the south part of the county in the winter of 2003-04.

Babcock said it costs the Road Commission about \$5,000 just to send its fleet out on a "once-around" after a snowstorm.

As a result of the winter's draining effect on the Road Commission's budget, the Road Commission is planning to hold off on any major reconstruction projects this year unless its financial outlook improves over the next few months. A few planned stream crossing, bridge, and culvert projects will go ahead as planned this year, Babcock said.

Currently, the Road Commission crews are working on pothole patching and blading dirt roads. "We're trying to blade as much as we can. The frost is down, so we can blade a lot of the dirt roads. Some of them are too wet, yet. We're trying to take care of the worst ones," Babcock said.

In each instance, the municipality requesting the grant funding agrees to a 25 percent match from their own coffers.

Grayling Township was the grant applicant for both the scrap tire cleanup project and the Lake Margrethe herbicide treatment, pledging a total of \$2,000, though reimbursement of a portion of the matching funds for the tire project has been requested from each township in the county. The scrap tire project is headed up by Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) and Camp Grayling are expected to contribute the majority of the funding to fight the milfoil invasion estimated to cost over \$15,000 in 2004 alone. The initial herbicide application in 2003 came with a price tag of about \$12,750.

LMPOA continues to raise funds to treat the lake and keep it from becoming choked with the fast-growing plant which could eventually deplete the lake of "trophy" species, such as walleye, perch and pike. It would also create murky waters, less desirable for swimming and other water recreation. If left untreated, ridding the lake of large-scale growth of milfoil could cost millions.

The organization currently has a fund balance of just over \$6,000 designated solely for the herbicide treatment in 2004. Anyone who uses the lake for "fun and sun," or for winter recreation, even if not a resident of the lakefront area, may wish to consider making a tax-deductible donation to help keep Lake Margrethe clear and healthy.

Make check or money order payable to Lake Margrethe Foundation, Milfoil Account, P.O. Box 583, Grayling, MI 49738.

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COA narrows field to nine candidates

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

After looking through all of the applications for the directorship of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), the Board of Directors has narrowed the field of nearly 150 to nine.

The Board also set a minimum salary of \$35,000 with a benefit package of \$5,000. The salary is negotiable.

The nine finalists are being contacted to see if they are still interested in the position.

Candidate interviews will be held April 12 at the Senior

Citizen Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. If all of the interviews are concluded that day, the finalist will be selected at a special board meeting set for April 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

If the interview process can not be concluded on April 12, the interviews will continue on April 19 and the finalist will be chosen at a special meeting on April 20 at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.

The COA Board plans to have the new director hired by May 1.

Late summer start date set for township streetscape

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A project complimenting the planned streetscape project on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling is not scheduled to begin until September.

According to Jay Gailitis, engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Grayling Transportation Service Center, the tentative start date for the Grayling Township project is September 3.

The project includes an extension of the existing bicycle path, decorative paving including sidewalks, and planting of native tree species along M-72, west of Grayling, from M-93 east to the Grayling City Limits. Special landscaping and decorative street lighting are also part of the project.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said approximately \$42,000 in town-

ship matching funds will be used, along with MDOT's stated \$207,868 contribution to the project. Wright said the improvements will create a more inviting atmosphere for businesses and visitors, as well as a boost to local morale.

Motorists should not find this project one that will stop the flow of traffic through the area, Gailitis said, unlike the recent widening project. The vast majority of work will occur alongside and away from the flow of traffic.

The project is slated for late summer because the weather at that time of year is most conducive to tree planting and the application of grass seeding, but not too cold for paving work. It will also begin following the busy summer motoring season.

MDOT has scheduled work on the project to be completed by October 15, 2004.

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Ryan's death is the second in just over a month in Roscommon County that may be attributed to a drug overdose involving prescription painkillers.

BRIEFS

Crawford Historical Society to meet

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

Travelogue to feature Morocco

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Community Cultural Events Program's Travel and Adventure Series will present "Casablanca - Travels in Morocco," a travelogue hosted by Hal McClure, on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 348-7146, at the door or in advance at Flowers by Josie in Grayling. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. This is the fourth travelogue in the 2003-2004 series. The Travel and Adventure series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc.

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, April 1 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (Use the Spruce Street entrance.) The meeting begins at approximately 12:10 p.m. Lunch will be available at the church prior to the meeting. Membership in NARFE is open to civilians with service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses and surviving spouses. For more information, call Rudy Martinez at 348-5326.

Auxiliary plans Easter Feather Party

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will hold an Easter Feather Party on Sunday, April 4, at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Bingo games start at 1:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes, food baskets including ham, and door prizes. Everyone is welcome to come early and join in the fun.

Senior Center to hold Easter Dinner

The Crawford County Commission on Aging Senior Citizen Center, located at 308 Lawndale in Grayling, will host an Easter Dinner on Tuesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. A special menu is being planned and the Banjo Picker and Friends will be playing live music for listening and dancing. Everyone is welcome. Call the Senior Center at 348-7123 for reservations.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet Thursday, April 8 at the county courthouse at 7 p.m. The group meets the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-7037.

Forestry training classes offered

MSU Extension announces the following Sustainable Forestry Education training programs for logging contractors, foresters, and landowners in April: Basic Equipment Maintenance and Safety, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 1; Wildlife Management from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Cedar Management from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 7. Classes will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse Basement, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. There is no charge to attend the classes and there must be a minimum of five enrolled or the programs will be cancelled. To register, call the MSUE Crawford County office at (989) 344-3263 or (989) 344-3281; or register online at www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfe.htm.

Wildlife planting workshop to precede annual tree sale

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be conducting a workshop to assist landowners in the selection, planting and care of tree and wildlife shrub seedlings.

This event is free of charge and will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon.

The workshop will also cover wildlife habitat enhancement for landowners; along with what types of shrubs to plant in differ-

ent types of soil.

Space is limited, therefore reservations are being taken at (989) 275-5231.

This workshop precedes the District's Annual Spring Tree Sale at which the Conservation District will have a selection of trees, shrubs, woodland ferns and woodland bulbs to choose from. The Tree Sale will be held Friday, April 23 from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Church offers four days of mission presentations

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community's Mission is scheduled for Palm Sunday through Wednesday, April 4-7. Father Patrick Collins will be conducting the Mission and preaching at all weekend masses for Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, April 4, a parish potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Family Center, followed by a spiritual concert entitled, "The Meaning of Human Love," which ends with the love of Jesus on the cross. Those who plan to attend dinner are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Presentations each evening will begin at 6 p.m. in the church. The theme of the three evening presentations is "The Triduum."

On Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of "Holy Thursday."

On Tuesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of "Good Friday."

On Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m., there will be Evening Prayer, with the presentation of

"Holy Saturday" (Easter Vigil). Morning Mass will also be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, followed by a presentation each day in the Family Center. Coffee and donuts/rolls will be served. Topics for morning presentations are:

Monday - "Wisdom Advantaged Folks (talk and discussion about senior years).

Tuesday - "Young People and Their Relationship to the Church - Problems and Possibilities."

Wednesday - "People Adrift - The Crisis in the Catholic Church."

Also, there will be afternoon sessions of Liturgical Ministries at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday targeting young married people, singles (widowed, divorced). Attendees to these sessions should feel welcome to bring a brown bag meal and eat during the presentation and stay on to attend the evening service in church.

For more information, call the church at 348-7657.

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The Bible Speaks

Love Him or Hate Him

Some of you have probably been touched by the brave martyrdom of John Kelley in Iraq. Some find the story repulsive and offensive. They believe the people of Iraq should have been left in tyranny under Saddam Hussein and their own religious culture. They believe soldiers, preachers, and missionaries are wrong to stick their noses in other people's business. It reminds me of the religious liberal leader who went to one of the Pacific islands which was cannibalistic before Christian missionaries reached them. He asked to speak to the chief of the village to apologize for the damage the missionaries had done to their culture. The chief responded to the apology with a very plain and forceful answer: "You see that big pot over there. If the Christian missionaries had not come to us and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, you would be in that pot right now and we would be eating you for supper."

The person, work, and word of Jesus Christ challenge this world system. As Jesus told His disciples in John 15:18-24: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak

for their sin. 23He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." Jesus also said in John 16:1-3: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."

The world will tolerate any degradation of the person, work, or word of Jesus Christ. You did not hear the world complain when the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ," was released in 1988 implying fornication between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene. They defended that as free speech. They did not complain when "Jesus Christ, Superstar" came out in 1973 depicting Jesus Christ as a rock star. Did you hear any public reaction when "Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter," was released? Where were the complaints when "Godspell" was released depicting Jesus in sensitive-clown makeup: teardrop eyeliner and a sweet heart on his forehead? It seems any Jesus is just fine with the world except the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible.

Of course, you know where I'm going. Why the fire storm about Mel Gibson's movie about the Passion of Christ which depicts the suffering of the last twelve hours of Jesus Christ before He died on the cross. I don't remember any liberals being concerned with anti-Semitism when Jesus was being discriminated in earlier movies as a fornicator, homosexual, deceiver, or jester? Would slan-

dering any other Jew with these outrageous attacks be judged anti-Semitism? In fact, the more Jesus Christ is demeaned the more liberal Jews seem to like it. It seems only when you tell the truth about Jesus Christ that they are bitterly offended.

Well, you may wonder, Pastor B. have you even seen the movie people are talking about? No! But I've read the book Jesus gave me many times. And if you have read and studied the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John there is little left to know about the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:3-4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." This is the gospel of Jesus Christ as simple as it can be stated. Maybe you have seen movies about Jesus Christ, but have you ever met Him face to face as your God and Savior? Have you realized He died for you on the cross of Calvary? Have you trusted Him as your God and Savior to forgive your sins, and give you eternal life? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church website at <http://www.12k-umc.org>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Ethel V. Hummel

Dec. 18, 1910 - Mar. 28, 2004

Ethel V. Hummel, 93, of Maple Forest Township, died at the Grayling Nursing Centre March 28, 2004.

Mrs. Hummel was born December 18, 1910 to David and Jennie (Rockfellow) Ervin in Oscoda County. She married Stanley S. Hummel on June 23, 1928.

She worked at the gift shop and concession at Hartwick Pines State Park.

Mrs. Hummel is survived by one daughter Linda (David) Gullion of Kentfield, CA; two sons: Stanley (Louise) Hummel Jr. of Roswell, GA and Francis (Cindy) Hummel of Farmington Hills; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Stanley S. Hummel on December 31, 1979; four sons: Herbert, Jack, Rolly, and Al; and eight siblings.

Funeral services will be held on April 1, at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Cecil Sullivan and Darren Briggs officiating.

Visitation is on March 31, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

The family requests memorial be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

HONORS

Northwood University

Northwood University's Florida campus in West Palm Beach announced recently that Jessica Green is among the students listed on the Dean's List for 2003-2004 Winter Semester.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, students must have earned a minimum overall grade point average of 3.25 for the term.

Western Michigan University

Phi Sigma Theta announced that Derek Gregorich, the son of Dianne and Jon Gregorich of Grayling, has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Western Michigan University.

Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

Get ready to draw! It's time for Pictionary Olympics

► Animal Shelter of Crawford County ready to defend its title

Get ready, get set, go! It's time once again to sharpen those skills and enter your business, organization or family group in the 17th Annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Parade Committee.

Don't wait too long to enter a team because space is limited to 25 teams for this event.

The 17th Annual Pictionary Olympics will be held Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. The Knights of Columbus has requested that all water weapons be prohibited and that children not attend.

For those who have not received an entry form, send name of business, organization or family group, address, telephone number and the names of four team members along with a check for \$60 (payable to Grayling Parade Committee) to: Pictionary Olympics, Grayling Parade Committee, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738.

Any questions about the event should be directed to Mary Jo Bickman at 348-6511 or Nancy Hunt at 348-2654.

Production of 'The Garden' features local vocal talents

Local residents Stacey Rosin-Gay, Sarah Kaiser and George Rosin say they are all very excited to be featured in the upcoming production of "The Garden," an allegorical oratorio.

"The Garden" is a tribute to Jesus Christ, filled with beautiful, stirring music and a unique storytelling design that makes the performance wonderful for all ages. All involved agree, the music is powerful and moving.

Three of the soloists are presented as real personages.

George Rosin, of Frederic, provides and overwhelming performance of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane as he sings, "Not My Will."

The Landlord is portrayed by Larry Reichert, of Gaylord. His amazing voice, known by many in the area, is extremely powerful as he provides opposition and adversity to all the other members of the garden.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Longtime Grayling resident Arbutus Schofield celebrated her 90th birthday on March 25.

Mrs. Schofield was born March 25, 1914 in Oscoda County. She lived in a number of locations in northern Michigan throughout her childhood and her family was one of the last to live in Deward.

She graduated from Alba High School in 1931 and moved to Grayling in 1933. She has resided here since that time.

She married the late John Schofield in 1935 and raised three children: John Jr. (deceased), Ronald, and Glenda Sampsel.

Card of Thanks

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Get a new shed at cost in Building Trades contest

by Susan Warrington

Staff Writer

The Grayling High School (GHS) Construction Trades program is usually involved in building a house. This year, however, the class helped restore a house in Grayling that suffered fire damage.

In addition, they have been working on various modules in the construction trades lab. The lab has several modules for the students to learn how to drywall, how to frame a building (or room), how to install siding and shingles, and how to wire a building (or room) among other things.

After spring break, the students will build a shed for the lucky winner of a shed purchase contest.

If you are interested in purchasing a new shed built by these students, stop at the GHS main office and turn in your name, address and phone number by April 22. The school will be closed from April 2 through April 12 for spring break.

The drawing will be held April 23 in the construction trades lab.

After the winner is chosen (s)he will have a chance to sit down with instructor Joe Ferrigan to design the building. Once the details are worked out the winner will have to pay for the materials before construction can begin. The cost will be anywhere from \$400 on up, depending on the size, siding, number of windows and other details.

When the shed is finished it will be trucked to the winner's home.

A contest was deemed the best way to handle the expected demand for sheds. In fact,



Photos by Susan Warrington

Nate Helsel (left) and Joe Ferrigan practice putting down shingles in one of the modules at the GHS Construction Trades lab. These modules give the students valuable experience on a small scale before they begin construction of a house.

DuBois Lumber, who has been very supportive of the program, has expressed an interest in having the students make a model shed for them.

Next year, they plan on building more sheds on a first come - first served basis.

David Gilliland (front) and Dustin Harmer are working in one of the drywall modules in the GHS Construction Trades lab.

Right behind them students are taking down drywall (which accounts for all the dust particles in the picture) so they can learn how to remodel existing structures.



Opportunities available to develop healthy youth

► April is 'Youth Health Month,' Munson offers tips, services

Well-child check-ups are still important. Make sure you schedule an annual appointment for your teen.

Tips for Youth

Exercise keeps you fit, increases your energy level, and gives you a sense of well-being. Make time for it every day. Make healthy food choices. Substitute water or milk for soda or juice.

Talk to someone you have never spoken to before. You might just make a new friend. Try a new sport or join a new club. Turn off the TV. Step away from the video game. Read a good book instead. Choose to be a non-smoker. Have a good laugh. It's important to not take life too seriously all the time.

For information on other April Youth Health programs or for a complete list of offerings, call 1-800-4-MUNSON.

For more information on child and teen health and the issues faced by today's youth, visit munson-healthcare.org.

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You've tried the rest, now try the Sandy Koufax diet

By Ernie Harwell



Did you know that 30 percent of Americans will eat everything on their plate - no matter how much food is there? When you consider that portions in restaurants have increased over the years, you can begin to understand one aspect of our country's growing obesity problem.

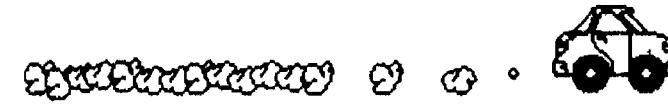
Sandy Koufax, the great pitcher for the Dodgers, had a good idea about eating - and this was long before dieting got as popular as it is now. He'd go out to a restaurant and he would eat half of what was served to him, no matter what it was. If it was a 16-ounce steak, he'd eat 8 ounces. If it was a bowl of soup, he'd eat a half a bowl of soup. And it's not a bad idea because you've got to get over the feeling that it's bad to leave food on your plate.

So next time you sit down for a meal, forfeit your membership in the "Clean Plate Club." You might find that it's just the trick to help you take a few extra inches off the waistline.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's long gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

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Following care guidelines lowers death risk after heart attack

Heart attack patients have a 25 percent lower risk of dying within a year of leaving the hospital if their doctors and nurses follow standard national guidelines for their care, and teach them how to stick to those standards at home.

This major effect on mortality rates seen in 2,800 Medicare patients treated at 33 Michigan hospitals, is the first evidence that standardized heart care saves lives.

The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center physician Kim Eagle, M.D., FACC, who helped lead the project described how the ACC's Guidelines Applied in Practice (GAP) Project improved the chances that heart attack patients received all the recommended tests, drugs and lifestyle advice. The project also made sure that before they left the hospital, patients pledged that they understood their disease, their medications, and the need to change their smoking, eating and exercise habits.

This improved care led to a 25 percent lower death rate at 30 days and one year for patients treated after the hospitals in the study implemented the GAP guidelines, compared with those treated before the project began.

"We're thrilled to be able to show this strong link between guidelines-based care and lower mortality," says Eagle. "This proves the benefit of working to close the gap between what we know works for patients and what we deliver on a daily basis."

The GAP project was previously shown to increase the chances that hospitalized heart attack patients would get proven medications to prevent complications and future problems, such as aspirin and beta blockers. Prior GAP results had also shown that reminder stickers on patient charts, and a checklist and contract that must be completed by both the nurse and the patient before discharge from the hospital, made it more likely that patients would get risk-reducing lifestyle advice.

But the new results are the

first to show that this increased use of proven therapy and patient-involvement techniques can actually reduce the risk of patients dying soon after they leave the hospital.

"We know more than ever about what it takes to help heart attack patient do well after they go home, but the fast pace of hospital care and the lack of coordination has kept many from getting all those proven therapies in the past," says Eagle. "Now, we've shown that standardizing care really makes a difference."

Eagle says he hopes the new data will help convince hospitals across the nation to implement measures like the standard orders, pocket guides, chart stickers, discharge checklists and performance reports that helped the 33 GAP hospitals improve their adherence to guidelines.

And, he hopes that soon, forgetting to give a patient a guideline-recommended medication or to educate them about the need to stop smoking or start exercising will be seen as a medical error. "We need to flip this system completely over, and create ways to absolutely guarantee guideline-based care," he says. "The cup is half empty, and we need to fill it to the brim."

He notes that both the ACC GAP toolkit, and the American Heart Association's "Get With the Guidelines" initiative to encourage doctors to follow standards for heart care, will help give patients better care and a chance at a longer, healthier life. But this will happen, he warns, only if hospital administrators, physicians and nurses take the effort seriously.

GAP involved 383 cardiologists at hospitals around southeast Michigan. It was led by 105 nurses and physicians who championed the project at their hospitals. In addition to the ACC, the study partners are the Michigan chapter of the ACC, the Michigan Peer Review Organization, the Greater Detroit Area Health Council through its Southeast Michigan Quality Forum for

Cardiovascular Care, and the Greater Flint Health Coalition.

Cecelia Montoye, MSN, consultant to the ACC, served as project manager. "One cannot say enough about the hard work that each hospital's physician- and nurse-leaders did to identify and overcome barriers during project implementation," she says. "Their efforts have allowed us to document the lessons learned to apply to all quality improvement projects."

The idea for the project originally grew out of a U-M Health System initiative aimed at improving adherence to ACC heart attack guidelines. A pilot group of 10 hospitals joined the project in 1999 after the ACC selected U-M as the lead institution, and the list grew to 33 by 2002. The study hospitals were of all different sizes and types, from small community facilities to major urban and tertiary-care medical centers.

The new data come from a random sample of half the heart attack patients treated at each hospital before the GAP project was implemented there, and a random sample of nearly all the patients treated in the time after the GAP rollout at each hospital.

The patients were elderly and not very healthy, with an average age around 76 years and high rates of smoking, heart failure, high blood pressure, diabetes and previous heart attack. A large percentage had invasive procedures - angiographies, angioplasties or bypass operations - during their post-heart attack hospital stay.

The GAP effort made a big difference in the prescriptions they received both early and late in their hospital stay. Before GAP, only 19.8 percent of the patients were treated using standard orders that guide doctors and nurses on care. But after GAP was implemented, this percentage approached 46 percent.

Even better was the improvement in use of the discharge tool that is designed to help patients understand and take charge of their care. Written in simple language, with a place for patients to sign a pledge to take

care of themselves, the discharge tool brings the patients into the triangle of care along with the doctor and nurse. It emphasizes adherence to medication regimens, the importance of regular follow-up visits, and the vast increase in heart risk posed by smoking.

Over 21.6 percent of patients in the pre-GAP group died within a month of leaving the hospital, as documented on their Medicare records. That percentage dropped to 16.7 percent in the post-GAP group.

At one year, 38.3 percent of the pre-GAP patients had died, compared with 33.2 percent of those treated after GAP was implemented.

When Eagle and his colleagues looked more closely at the group of patients who received the discharged tool and contract, the effect was even greater. They were nearly 50 percent less likely to die within a month or year of discharge than those treated before GAP was implemented.

Eagle acknowledges that opportunities to improve remain even in the hospitals that have been using the GAP toolkit the longest. But he's hopeful that as the work of GAP's beneficial effect on mortality grows, doctors and nurses will miss fewer and fewer chances to treat patients well, and patients will take their responsibilities more seriously.

"The degree of improvement we've demonstrated in Michigan is at least matched by the opportunity that remains," he says. "We need to move from a culture of missed opportunity to a system that guarantees quality and accountability."

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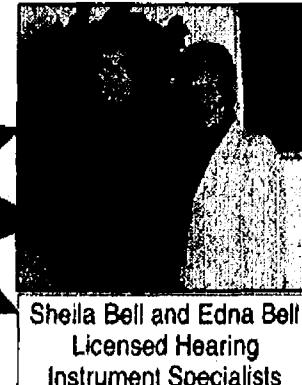
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The Michigan Notary Public Act (PA 238 of 2003) consists of the most comprehensive change in notary law in more than 150 years. The new law streamlines the application process, extends the length of new appointments by an additional two years, and creates a Notary Education and Training Fund from a portion of the fees collected by the state and county clerks.

"Notaries are an integral part of the fight to combat fraud by helping to ensure that transactions are performed in an ethical and honest manner," Land said. "This law will help to improve the quality and uniformity of notary services in Michigan."

Under the new law, active Michigan notaries public retain their commissions and are not required to reapply until their commissions are about to expire. However, beginning April 1, notaries must adhere to all the

new laws including those regarding fees, restrictions and liability.

Highlights of the Michigan Notary Act:

- Streamlines the application process by requiring the bond and oath up front, eliminating the cost of printing commissions for those who do not secure a bond.
- Establishes statewide appointments.
- Extends notary commissions from four years to six years.
- Removes the judicial/legislative endorsement and requirement for applicants.
- Requires notaries to read and write in English, and to be U.S. citizens, or show proof of legal presence in the U.S.
- Allows Secretary of State to conduct criminal background checks of applicants.
- Establishes new notary crimes, including sanctions for notary employers.
- Establishes a Notary Education and Training Fund from a portion of the fees collected by the state and the county clerk. Grants from the fund will support programs that assist county clerks and their staffs with notary responsibilities or

Notarization on a document certifies that the person named on it appeared before the notary, displayed valid identification, and signed the documents in the physical presence of the notary.

For more information on the Michigan Notary Public Act, visit the Secretary of State web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Seat open on County Housing Commission

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is seeking candidates to fill a seat on the Crawford County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Current Housing Commissioner Paul Burke is not seeking reappointment to the seat.

Applicants should be a resident of the county, have some banking knowledge and, most importantly, have a genuine interest in the condition of the housing stock for local residents. This position comes with a five-year term, beginning April 15, 2004.

Members of the Housing Commission discuss many housing issues, including acquisition, grant funding, special programs and the needs of county residents. They participate in decision-making at monthly meetings and work directly with Housing Director Cy Wakeley in efforts to improve the quality of housing in the county, with a focus on the availability and rehabilitation of low-income housing.

Applications for appointment to the Housing Commission can be picked up at the County Clerk's office located in the County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. The deadline to apply is April 9. Any questions regarding service on the Housing Commission may be directed to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds at (989) 344-3200.

The County Board of Commissioners is expected to make their appointment in April.

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Mugg Brewery to open soon

Local business woman, Anita Mugg, has purchased the old Rayburn Estate property from the State of Michigan and has received a special use permit for the construction of a combination brewery and winery.

"The property is perfect for what I have planned," said Mugg. "The soil has been tested and the vineyard will be planted within the next few weeks. Of course, it will be a few years before we are producing wine."

Next month, residents near the property may notice a lot of activity as construction begins on the beer brewing facility. Mugg said she has acquired the old copper vats from the now-

defunct Stroh's Brewery and guarantees a great product.

The only problem Mugg has is finding enough workers knowledgeable of the brewing process. But, the curriculum committee of the local school board has answered her call for help.

Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, the local high school will offer beer-making classes to train the future workforce at the brewery. Boilermaker classes will also be offered to provide skilled maintenance workers.

"This is surely good news in our community," said the superintendent. "This new brewery will provide jobs for generations to come."

April Fools!

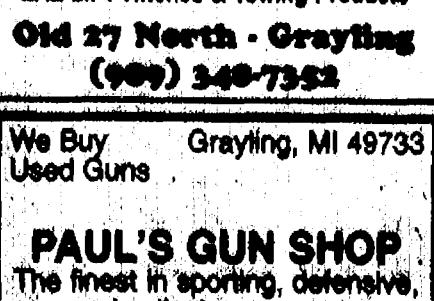
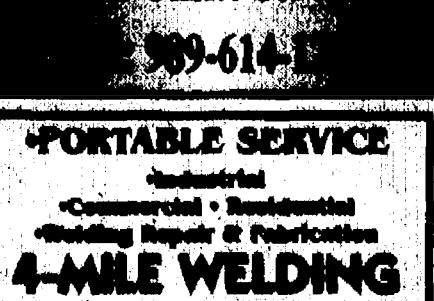
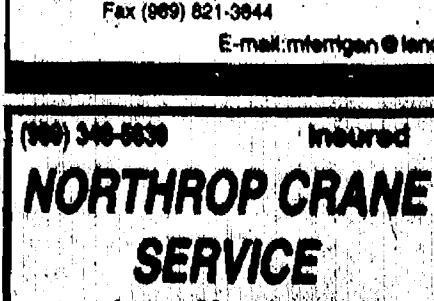
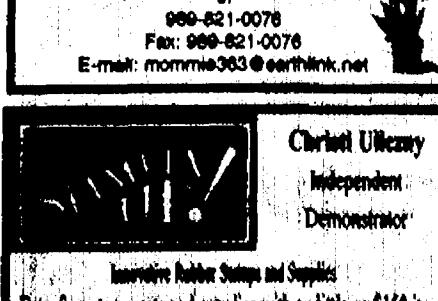
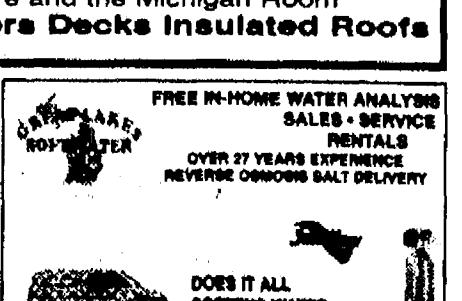
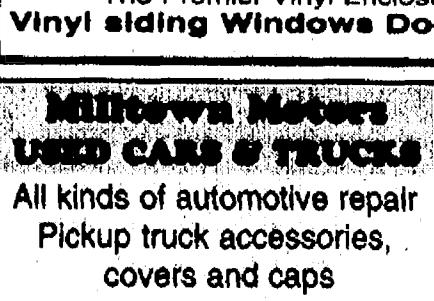
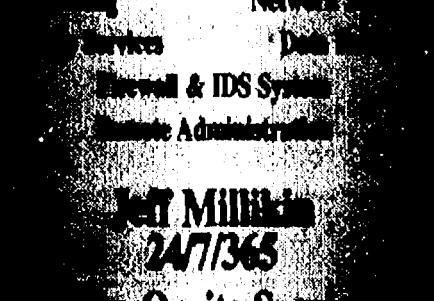
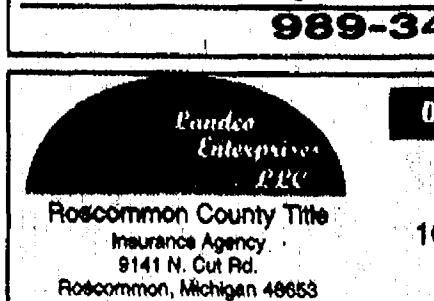
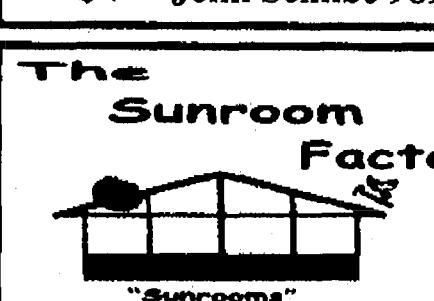
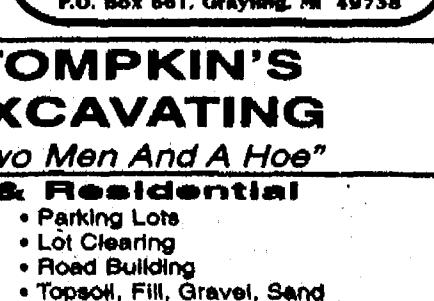
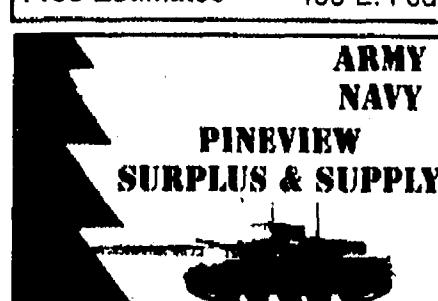
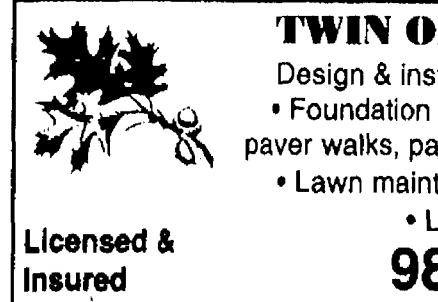
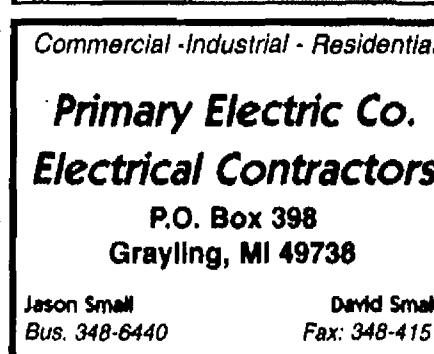
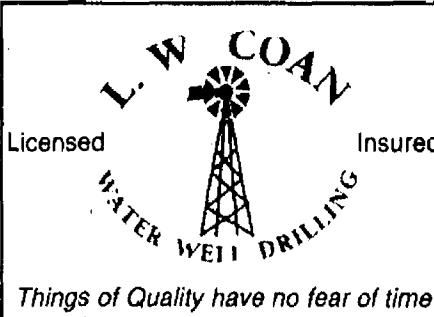
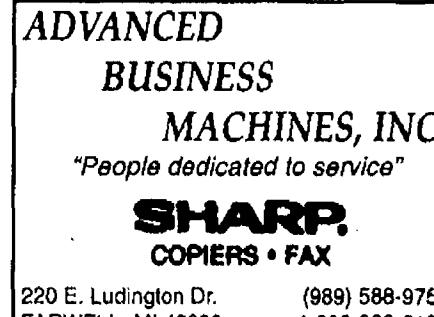
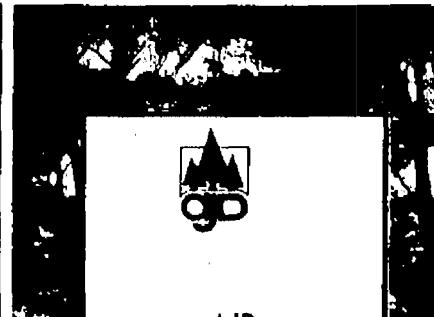
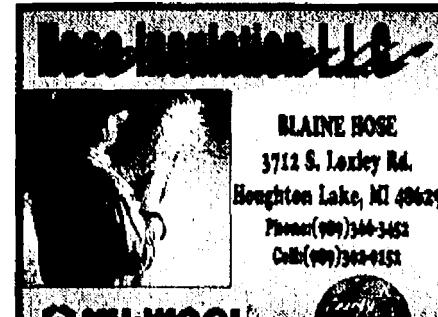
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State steps up efforts to stop Emerald Ash Borer

Based up the results of extensive survey activities, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has amended the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine, effective March 25. These efforts should help stop the spread of the pest's infestation and keep it out of northern Michigan and other unaffected areas.

"This effort is part of the state's overall EAB response and eradication strategy, and helps ensure that the state is quickly incorporating new information as it develops to prevent further spread and minimize the economic and environmental damage this pest is capable of causing," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. "In order to be successful, however, this effort also requires the awareness and cooperation of all Michigan residents, especially those doing business, living or visiting any area included in the quarantine."

The destructive invasive insect was first identified in Michigan in July 2002. MDA issued a quarantine prohibiting the movement of all ash trees, materials and firewood from the affected counties Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. In August 2003, the quarantine was expanded to include the surrounding seven counties of Shiawassee, Jackson, Ingham, Lenawee, Genesee, Lapeer, and St. Clair as a buffer.

The most recent action now also identifies and regulates eight "outlier" (isolated pockets of infestation apart from the known generally infested area resulting from artificial movement rather than natural spread) sites. These new quarantined outlier sites are located outside the 13-county quarantine of southeast Michigan and include the following cities/townships or sections within: Berrien County - St. Joseph; Calhoun County - Albion, Marshall; Eaton County - Delta Township, Potterville; Kent County - Wyoming; Saginaw County - Shields, St. Charles.

For maps with specific boundaries of these outlier site quarantines, visit www.michigan.gov/mda. The quarantine provisions for outlier sites are the same as the 13-county quarantine, no firewood of any type or ash material greater than one-inch chips can be moved from the regulated area. Visitors and campers planning vacations or weekends in Crawford County should plan to buy their firewood within the county. Firewood is available for sale at a number of service stations, convenience or party stores and from roadside stands throughout the county.

Wyant noted the above sites are currently undergoing eradication and/or interim containment (ash tree removal and trap/sentinel trees) activities to eliminate and control the borer. Including them

in the quarantine is simply an extra precaution to help prevent any potential EAB spread.

Additionally, the "core" area of general EAB infestation is being redefined based on the survey data that has been collected over the past seven months. Under the provisions of this quarantine, regulated material is prohibited from leaving the identified core, not even to the remaining quarantined areas. Townships, and all villages and/or cities contained within, now included in the core are:

Genesee County - Argentine, Atlas, Burton, Clayton, Davison, Fenton, Gaiene, Grand Blanc, and Mundy, plus all of Flint; Ingham County - Leroy, Locks, Stockbridge, and White Oak; Jackson County - Blackman, Columbia, Grass Lake, Henrietta, Leoni, Liberty, Napoleon, Norwell, Summit, Rives, and Waterloo; Lapeer County - Almont, Attica, Dryden, Elba, Hadley, Imlay, Lapeer, and Metamora; Livingston County - Entire county, adding Cohoctah, Conway, Deerfield, Handy, Howell, Ioseo, Marion, Putnam, Tyrone, and Unadilla; Macomb County - Entire county, adding Arada, Bruce, Lenox, Ray, and Richmond; Monroe County - Entire county, adding Bedford, Erie, Ida, LaSalle, Monroe, Summerville, and Whitford; Oakland County - Entire county, adding Addison;

Washtenaw County - Entire county, adding Bridgewater, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Manchester, Sharon, and Sylvan; Wayne County - Entire county.

The quarantine amendment also cancels the end-date of the moratorium on the sale and movement of ash nursery stock in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The prohibition on the sale and movement of ash nursery trees was scheduled to expire on August 5, 2004. It will now continue indefinitely until the risk of spreading EAB is eliminated.

Michigan has been working to detect, contain and eradicate EAB since its initial discovery in the summer not even two years ago. The pest causes mortality in ash trees and, to date, has impacted nearly six million ash trees in the southeastern part of the state. Michigan is home to an estimated 700 million ash trees total.

The state has an active, multi-agency Emerald Ash Borer Task Force working to control and eradicate EAB and minimize its damage.

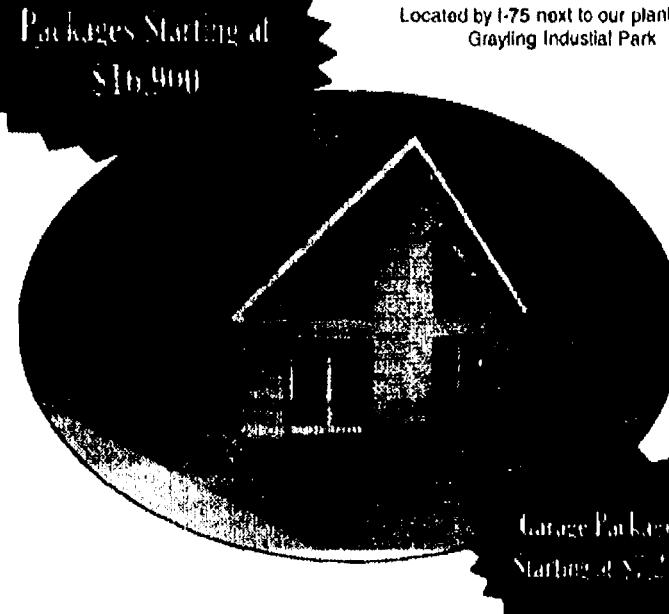
For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the Spotlight section or www.emeraldashborer.info or contact your regional MDA, Michigan Department of Natural Resources or local Michigan State University Extension offices.

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This year's Secretary of State Buddy Day will be celebrated Monday, April 12 to highlight the need for organ donors.

Buddy Day also coincides with Michigan Donate Life Month, observed in April. Gift of Life and Michigan Eye Bank volunteers, known as Buddies, will be in various branch offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 12 to distribute organ donor information.

The majority of "Buddies" has either received a transplant or is waiting for one, or is the family and friends of a recipient or donor. "Nearly 2,400 Michigan resi-

dents are waiting for an organ or tissue transplant, and nearly 10 will die each month because a donor was not found in time," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

"Buddy Day helps educate people about the need for organ donors and what they can do to make a difference. The answer is easy and within everyone's grasp - sign up on the organ donor registry."

This year about 100 branch offices will host Buddies to promote greater awareness of the need for organ, tissue and eye donation. All offices will have organ donor information on display. Last year

the Secretary launched her "Be One-in-a-Million" campaign, setting her goal to increase the number of names on the organ donor registry to at least 1,000,000.

"Everyone in Michigan has the opportunity to be 'one-in-a-million' by registering to be an organ donor," Land said. "Organ donation brings renewed hope to someone facing a life-threatening illness - it is the ultimate 'gift of life.'"

Residents who will not be at a branch office on Buddy Day still have plenty of opportunities to enroll on the organ donor registry.

The Secretary of State web-site makes registering easy with its online enrollment program www.michigan.gov/sos. Additionally, enrollment cards are available at any branch office and are mailed with every driver's license and state identification card.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's only certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary to provide educational resources about donation for donors, recipients, physicians and hospital staff.

For more information about organ donations, contact Gift of Life Michigan at 1-800-482-4881.

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Campaign finance reporting now on line

Michigan campaign-finance reports, which once took state workers months to manually scan, are now immediately available for public inspection with the click of a computer mouse.

State-level political action, candidate, political party and ballot question committees spending or receiving at least \$20,000 are now required to file campaign-finance reports using the Michigan Electronic Reporting and Tracking System (MERTS). Because some reports can consist of hundreds or even thousands of pages, making them available to the public was tremendously time-consuming for the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections.

"We're using technology to improve the connection between

citizens and their government," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Internet-based reporting gives voters immediate access to contribution information that helps them to make informed decisions. It also allows for more accurate and convenient filings by committee staffs. All of Michigan is well served when campaign information is disclosed in a timely manner."

Annual reports for 2003 were due to the Bureau of Elections by February 2.

More than 280 annual reports have been filed to date. They can be viewed on the Secretary of State web site at: www.michigan.gov/sos.

The Secretary of State has distributed nearly 1,060 copies of

the MERTS software to committees free of charge since 1997. Public Act 238 of 1999 amended Michigan's Campaign Finance Act to require electronic filing beginning in 2004.

Land, a longtime advocate of increased disclosure and "real time" campaign reporting, pointed out that financial information often arrives after voters go to the polls.

"People have a right to know which interests are backing a candidate or cause before they cast their votes," said Land, who also serves as Michigan's chief election officer. "Electronic filing gives voters important information now rather than after the fact."

The MERTS program makes

searching for contribution reports much easier. The public can track contribution by such identifiers as name, amount, ZIP code, and city or state.

It also greatly aids committees by advising them of common inconsistencies or potential errors during the filing process.

Once a committee meets the \$20,000 threshold, all reports from that point forward must be filed electronically, even if that financial level is not maintained.

The MERTS system allows for filing by Internet or disk. Bureau of Elections staffers have been conducting seminars to help committee officials understand the system. Information, training and software also are available at www.mertsplus.com.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for March 2004

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Lawrence Milford Melvin, age 46 of Grayling - Pleaded no contest to Indecent Exposure on January 23, 2004; sentenced March 8, 2004 to 90 days in jail with credit for 15 days served; ordered to pay \$50 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund and \$45 state minimum costs, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$250 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on 12 months probation. Sentence to be served in the Washtenaw County Jail or the Crawford County Jail with no objection to work release.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 24 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty February 2, 2004 to Weapons - Carry Concealed - Attempt; sentenced March 8, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, 10 days to be served forthwith and 170 days held in abeyance; placed on 24 months

probation; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

Anthony Walton Bentley, age 32 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty January 21, 2004 to one count of Weapons - Carry Concealed - Attempt as a Habitual Offender 2nd Conviction; sentenced March 10, 2004 on count one to 330 days in jail with credit for two days served, and an additional 330 days due to the Habitual Offender doubling of sentence; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs and \$350 attorney fee. If court assessments are paid in full during incarceration, defendant may receive a 25 percent reduction in his sentence.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Christopher Ryan Barber, age

18 of Roscommon - Pleaded guilty January 26, 2004 to Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree with a Person age 13-15; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for 61 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$462.50 in restitution. Restitution is ordered jointly and severally with co-defendant for the entire amount of \$925. If court assessments are paid in full during incarceration, defendant may receive a 25 percent reduction in his sentence.

Andrew Dale Smith, age 23 of Grayling - Pleaded guilty February 5, 2004 to Operating - OUIL/per se 3rd Offense; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for two days served, placed on probation for 24 months; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

Raymond Theopolis Jacobs, age 34 of Detroit - Pleaded guilty on February 20, 2004 of Controlled Substance - Possession of Marijuana, Controlled Substance - 2nd Offense - Double Penalty; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 270 days in jail with credit for 220 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fee.

Timothy Scott Williams, age 19 of Frederic - Pleaded guilty February 5, 2004 to Home Invasion - 1st Degree; sentenced March 11, 2004 to 30 to 240 months in prison, with credit for 14 days served; ordered to pay \$3,697.88 in restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, and \$60 state minimum costs.

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While learning about community helpers (those people who work to help keep us safe), NEMCSA Frederic Head Start students went on a field trip to the Sheriff's Department. Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs took the students on a tour of the department. During the tour the children saw the jail and learned about gun safety. At the end of the tour, the children were treated to cookies and juice.

COOR receives 'Great Parents, Great Start' grant

COOR Intermediate School District has been awarded a Great Parents, Great Start grant through the Michigan Department of Education to support the development of a comprehensive early childhood system in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties.

COOR is working with existing services for families with children birth to age five to help meet the needs of the community. Many agencies in the area are collaborating to make this project a sure success.

Central to the project are some newly developed and increased support for existing playgroups. Great Start Family Days will be held in each of the four counties. READY kits (Read, Educate and Develop Youth) are available to families through COOR and many other public agencies.

The message that will be heard all over the area is that "education begins at age birth."

The grant is part of the statewide Great Start project, supported by Governor Jennifer Granholm. The belief behind Great Start is that a child's success in school is largely deter-

mined before they ever walk through the doors on their first day of kindergarten.

A typical child is born with over 100 billion brain cells called neurons. It is the experiences a child has in the first three years of life that connect these cells to one another.

Experiences such as reading to a baby, holding and rocking him, singing, and playing with a child create a vast network of communications in the brain. After a child reaches school age, these connections thicken as they are supported through positive learning activities. By the time a child is 10 years old, the unused connections die out, leaving only those that have been strengthened over and over.

This does not mean we need to start quizzing our one year olds with flash cards, or buying the most expensive gadgets to help our children learn.

Remember it is those everyday experiences where children learn — such as talking about your day, playing ball, drawing and coloring, listening to music, playing in the yard, and going for walks together. It is as simple as showing your child their

world, commenting on colors and shapes around the house, listening to birds and chipmunks chatter, hopping one-two-three, across the yard. The opportunities are endless to make a difference in a child's life.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Great Start or the Great Parents, Great Start grant, including local family days and playgroups, check the COOR Intermediate School District web site at www.coorisd.k12.mi.us under "Early Childhood." There are links to other sites on early childhood development and monthly calendar of events for

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It's time for another round of MDOT projects

by Cherrill Ruley
Staff Writer

Seasoned travelers in Michigan have grown to expect their journeys to include some delays and inconveniences while the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) works during the warmer months to keep roadways, bridges and railways in good condition. In March, more than \$88 million in contracts for statewide projects were awarded.

From a long list of projects, the following projects may most affect travelers who make Crawford County their home and who may travel to particular areas in the state of Michigan.

Rehabilitation work on 12 miles of railroad tracks will resume in Crawford and Otsego Counties. Traffic flow along the route of these tracks is not expected to be impeded by the project.

Landscaping and improvements to roadsides on M-72 West in Grayling Township, from M-93 to the Grayling City limits, is expected to begin September 3 and end October 15. Traffic flow is not expected to be impeded by this project, either.

Three bridges on I-75 will undergo rehabilitation in Otsego County from Charles Brink

Road continuing north of the Lake State Railway bridge. One lane, both north and southbound, will be closed continuously while the steel bridge beams are painted, substructure piers are patched, and the concrete is resurfaced. A temporary signal light will control traffic at the intersection of Charles Brink Road and Old State Road to allow drivers to take turns using the intersection.

Work is expected to be completed by July 4.

Also in northern Michigan, a 12 mile stretch of US-131 from South Boardman Road to the Village of Boyne Falls in Charlevoix County will undergo crack sealing treatment.

To the south, in Saginaw County, major concrete resurfacing and other improvements on seven miles of I-75, from M-57 to Birch Run Creek is scheduled.

Other roadwork is scheduled throughout the state in 2004. MDOT asks motorists to use extra caution when traveling through a work zone and to obey lowered speed limits to help keep road workers safe from injury or even death. Traffic fines double in work zones and harsh penalties are in store for drivers found guilty of injuring or killing road construction workers.

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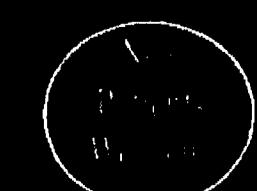


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Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
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M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service
Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

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Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
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DNR taxes in default

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County Commission on Aging (COA) \$2,517.25; the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA - Hanson Hills) \$2,603.65; and the Crawford County Library system is shorted \$1,852.80 from its already strained budget.

At the township level, Lovells Township is realizing the largest shortfall at \$7,068.69 in unpaid PILT monies. Frederic Township is shorted \$3,354.21; South Branch Township \$2,192.88; Grayling Township \$758.92; Maple Forest Township \$242.63; and Beaver Creek Township \$60.69.

The biggest loser of all is Crawford County, which must work to maintain the current level of services to county taxpayers on \$32,737.95 less revenue until the tax bill is paid by the DNR.

Wakeley said the County

Treasurers Association is working with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the Michigan Township Association (MTA) to impress upon state legislators the importance of PILT payments and how nonpayment is affecting hundreds of units of government statewide.

According to a report prepared by MAC on March 26, "the DNR budget passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee this week and contained no funding for PILT, which mirrors the Governor's proposal to remove PILT from the DNR budget."

The MAC report continued, "However, also as part of the proposal, was to fund PILT in the General Government Budget, by using Revenue Sharing dollars;" revenue sharing has already been reduced.

Wakeley does not foresee the state making sure the customary amount of revenue from state-held lands will be restored. PILT was not included in the General Government Budget, either.

State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-36th District) said he has heard from many county officials throughout his district regarding the default in PILT payments. He said the Senate is working on a short term solution of appropriating funds to the DNR budget to pay the overdue taxes. "We need to get this done as soon as possible," he said. "I'm going to keep pushing at it because the state and the DNR need to uphold their commitment."

Stamas expects action on the appropriations bill within three or four weeks.

"I don't know when they will

do it, but they darned well better," said Wakeley.

In the long term, Stamas confirmed the legislature is working on a plan to include PILT payments as part of revenue sharing dollars.

Legislators are also discussing a shift in county property tax levies to July, in exchange for revenue sharing. Wakeley said if this "shift" is approved, the county will again be shortchanged by the state as it defers its payments to seven months later than when counties would customarily receive the funds.

"This may seem like a good way to balance the budget in Lansing, but it really is only the governor and the legislature putting off paying its bills," said Wakeley. "If that shift is approved, it will create chaos on budgets in all 83 of Michigan's counties."

What you need to know if considering a run for office

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secretary of the Board of Review. If the supervisor is not certified at the proper level, the township board may appoint properly certified assessors; however, they will be subordinate to the supervisor.

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SECTION B SPORTS & RECREATION

GRAYLING County Avalanche

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Soccer preview 4B

Thursday, April 1, 2004

► First Game – Varsity Baseball & Softball: April 13 (H) 4:30 p.m.

► First Meet – Boys & Girls Track: April 15 (H) 4:30 p.m.

► First Game – Varsity Girls Soccer: April 13 (H) 5:00 p.m.

Spring sports seasons to start soon

First games of 2004 spring schedule set for Tuesday, April 13

Most spring sports teams at Grayling High School have been practicing for about three weeks, preparing for the start of their 2004 seasons. Games and meets are scheduled to start the week students return to school following spring break, which runs from April 2 to April 12.

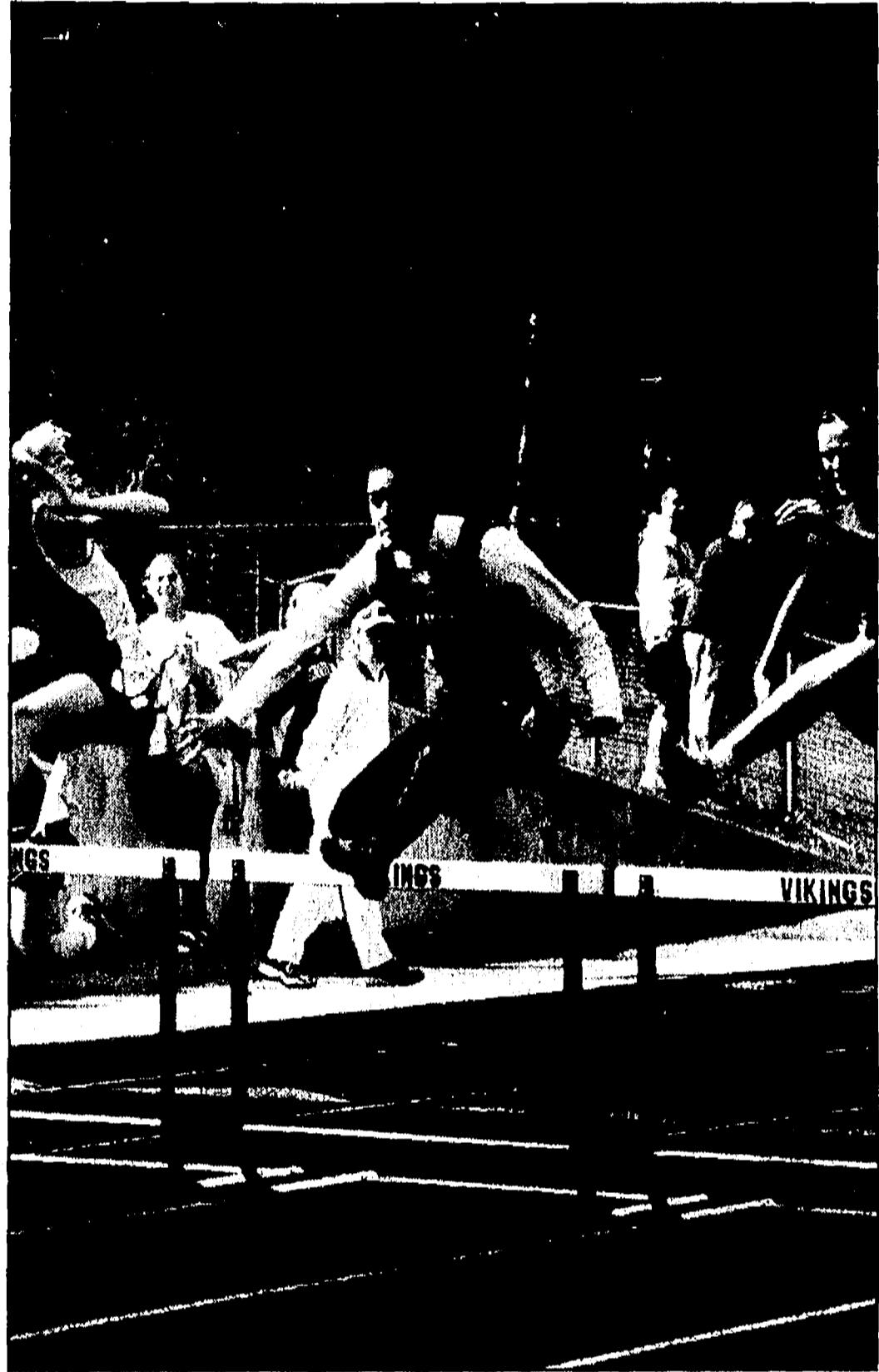
"We're coming off two very successful seasons, fall and winter. We're hoping to continue that in spring sports," GHS Athletic Director Brian Banda said.

Opening day for varsity baseball and softball is set for Tuesday, April 13. The teams will host Gaylord at 4:30 p.m. (if the fields are ready). On Thursday, April 15, the Vikings are scheduled to play at Roscommon at 4 p.m.

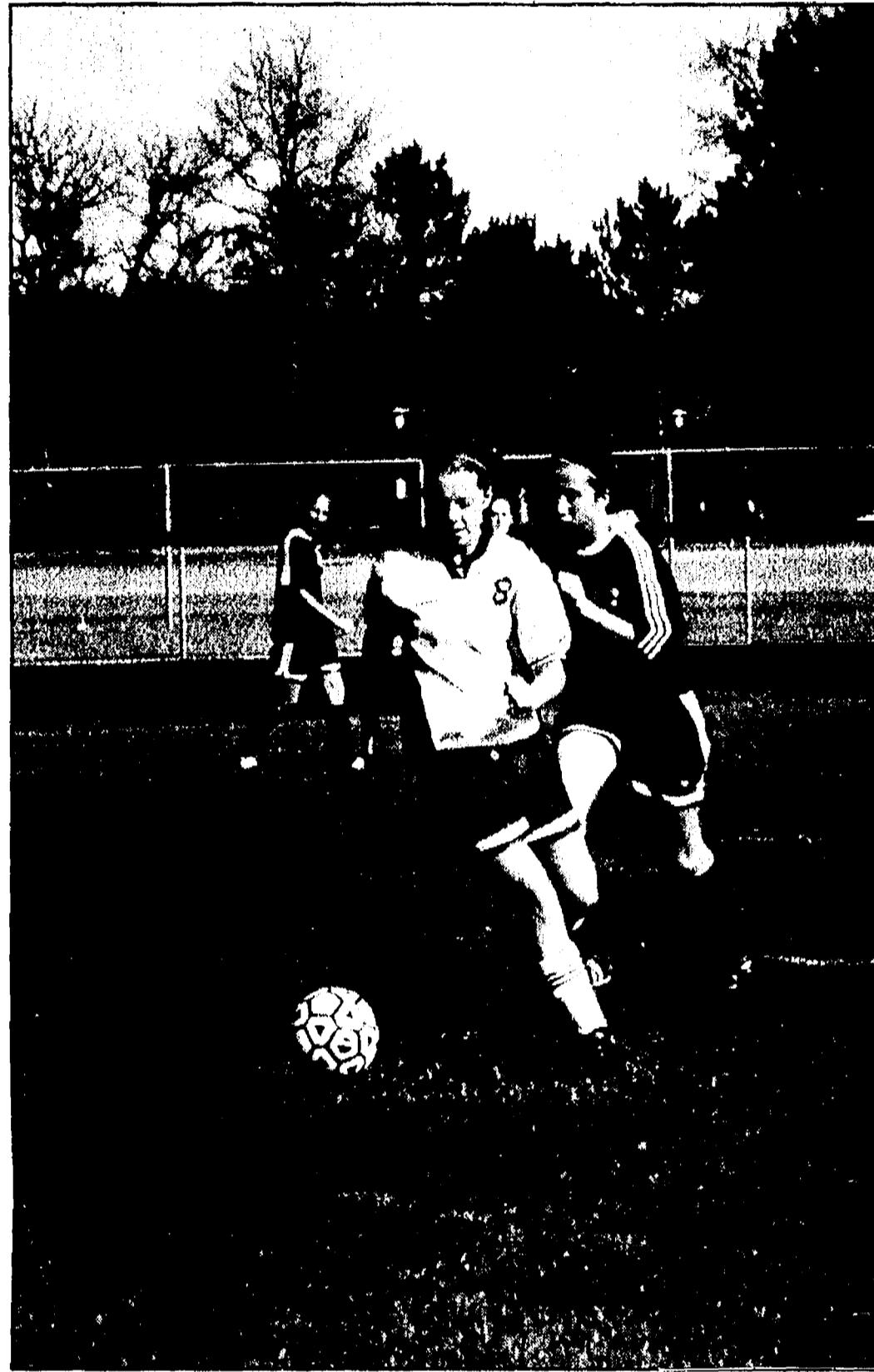
The junior varsity baseball and softball teams play at Gaylord on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. The JV Vikings are scheduled to play their home openers on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. vs. Roscommon.

Bob Gorski is back as the coach of the varsity baseball team this year. The JV baseball coach is John Schneider, who served as a varsity assistant last year.

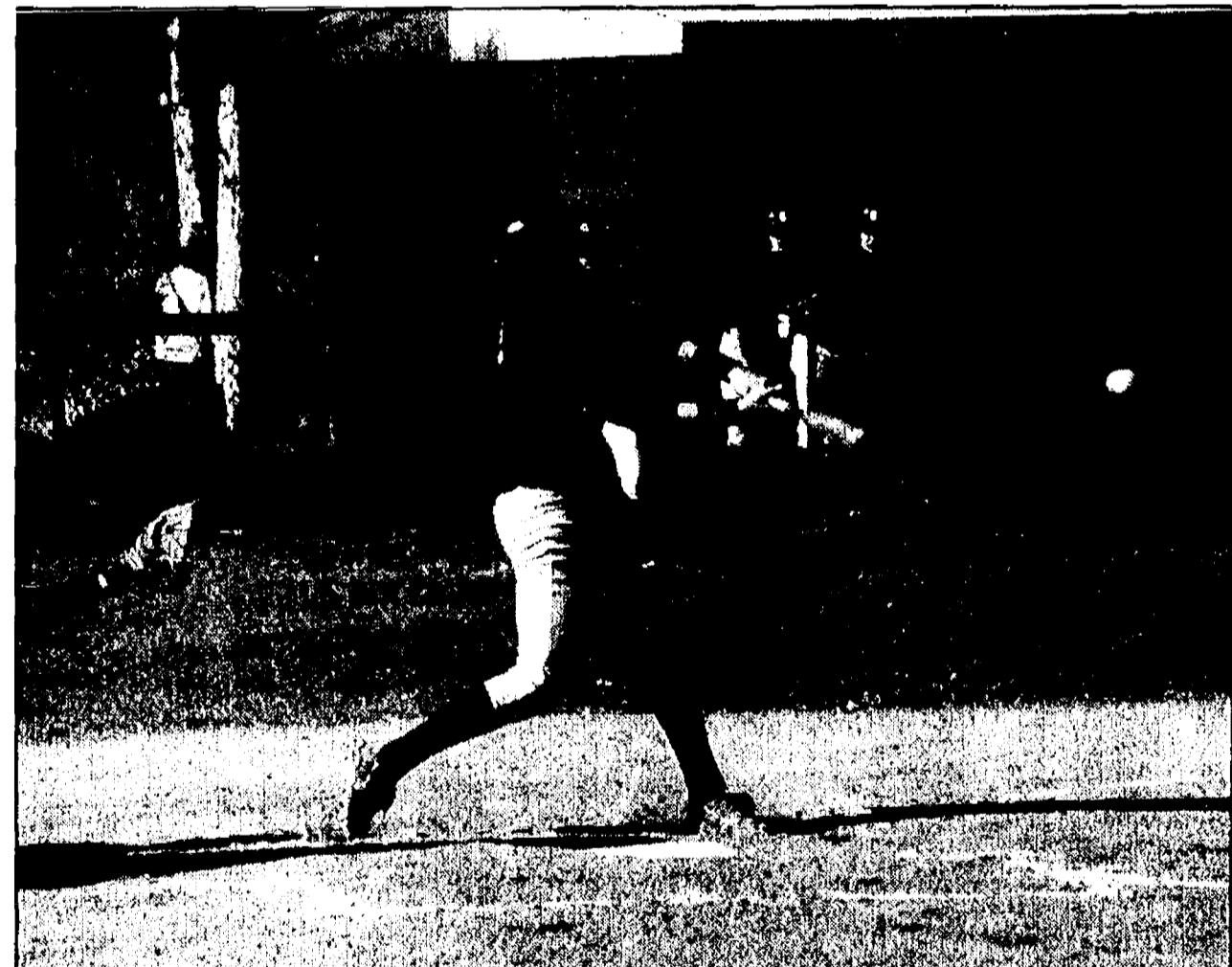
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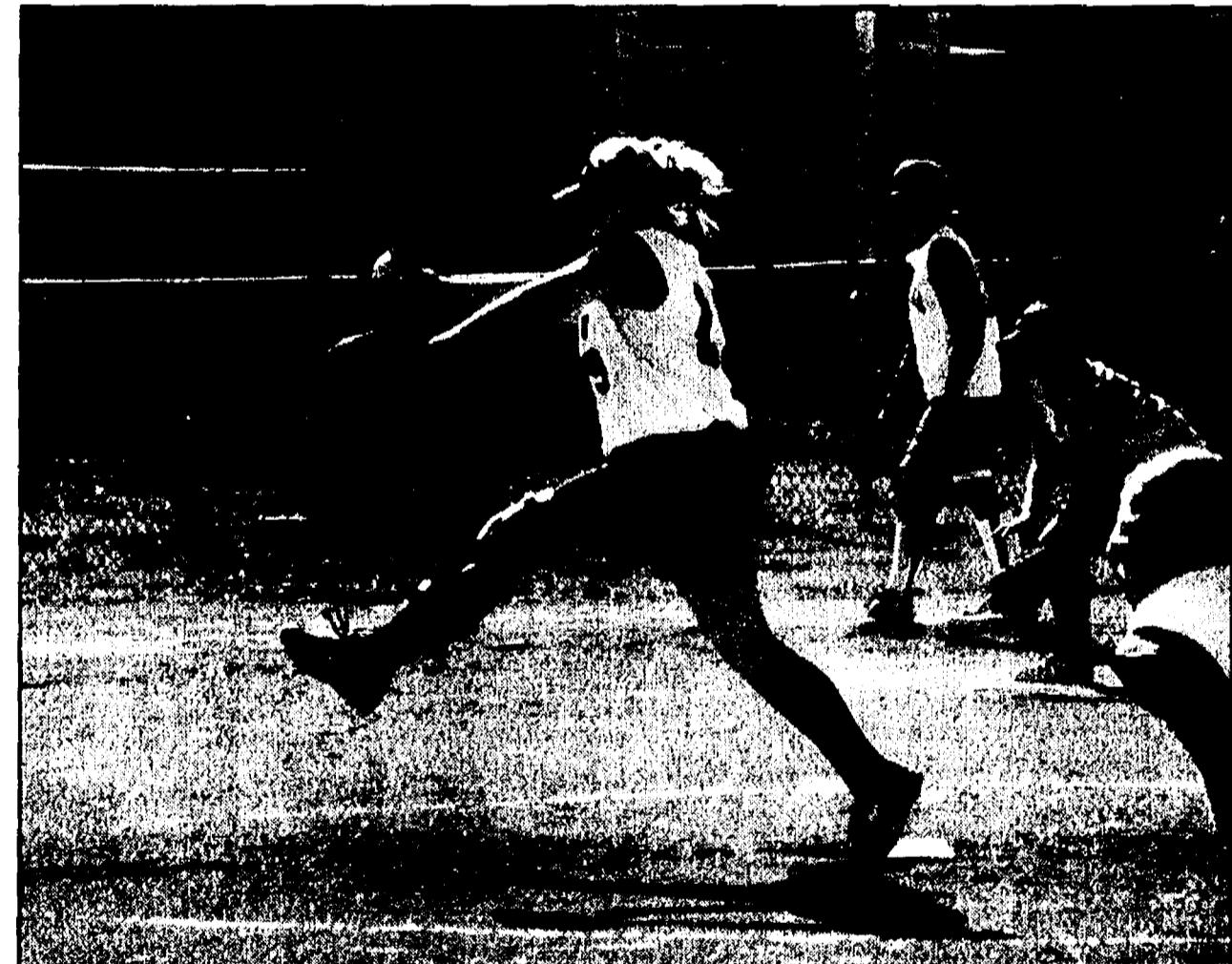
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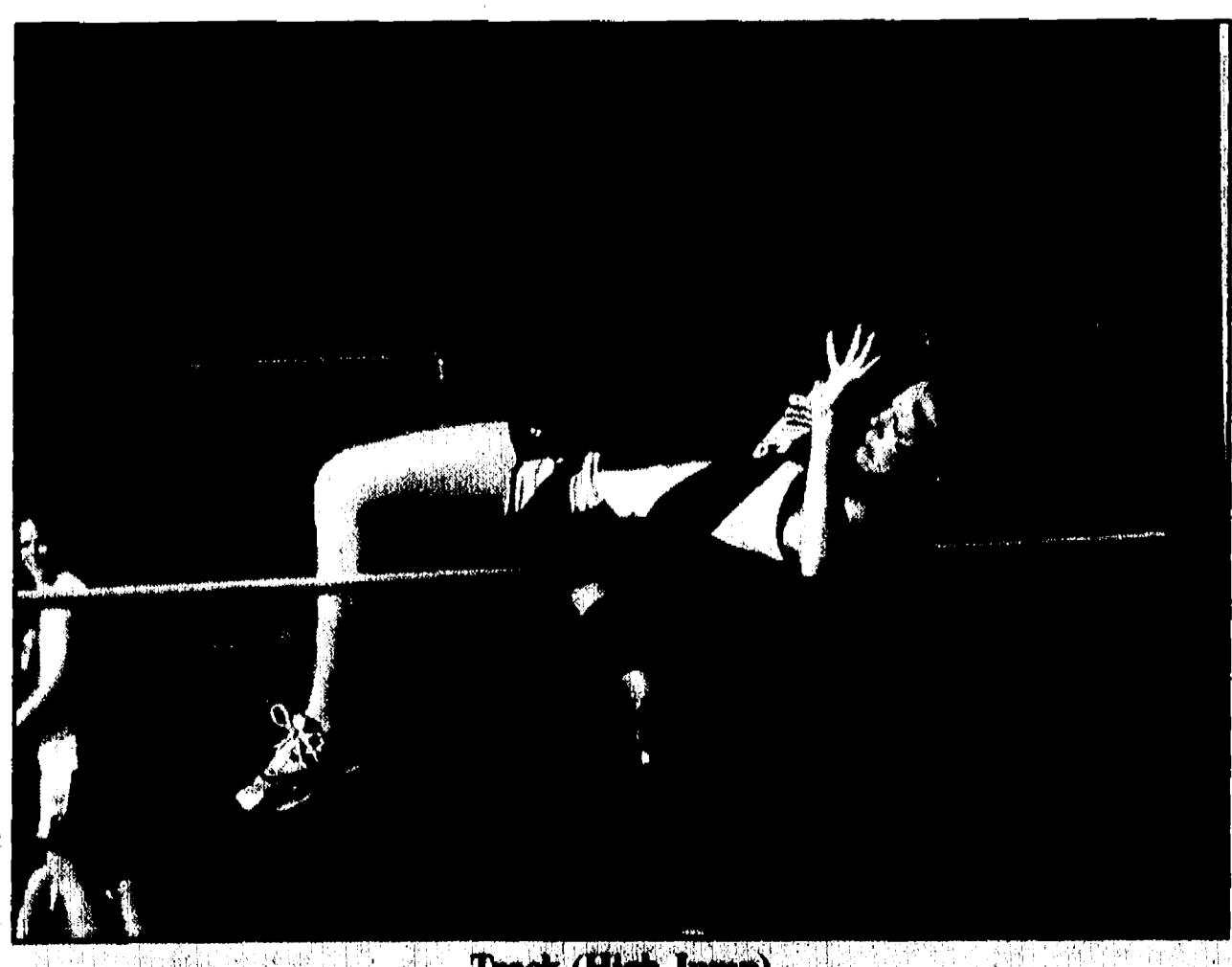
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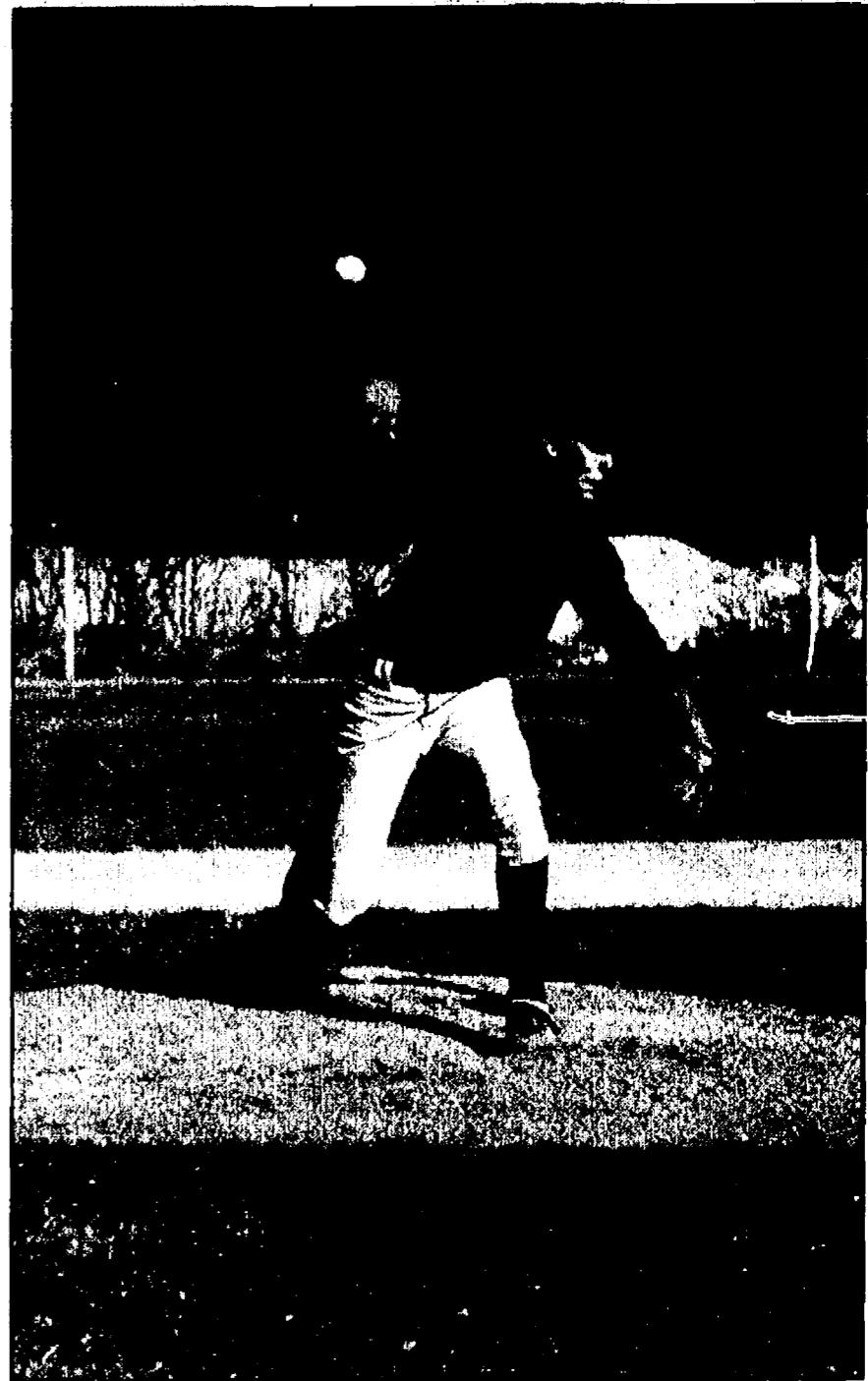
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Softball



Baseball

Spring sports seasons to start soon

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The varsity softball coach this year is Caleb Casey (a Crawford County Avalanche Staff Writer). Tanya Wolcott and Arica D'Amour are both serving as varsity assistants. The JV team is being coached by Loren Bass on an interim basis. Bass coached the JV softball squad last year.

The GHS boys and girls track teams will open their 2004 season with a home meet vs. Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Elk Rapids on Thursday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Ben Brock, the new head football coach at GHS, is the coach of the boys track team this year. Heidi (West) Thibideau is back for another season coaching the girls track team. Assistant GHS track coaches are Matt Warren and Renea Martin, the middle school track coaches, and Justin Andre.

Coach John Haven is back for a second season of girls soccer. The team's first scheduled game of the 2004 season is set for Tuesday, April 13, at 5 p.m. at GHS.

The boys tennis team will

again be coached by Joe Mau. The first tennis meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, at Charlevoix. The team's home

opener is set for Wednesday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m.

Rebecca Brown is the new girls golf team coach. The golf

team's first meet of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at Grayling Country Club.



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GHS boys track team athletes train on their snow-covered track at practice last week.

Track athletes get ready for new season

Numbers are decent for the boys team and GMS program

Grayling High School's track team has about 60 members and is in the process of conditioning for the 2004 season.

The boys team has about 40 athletes and the girls team about 20. Ben Brock, the new GHS football coach, is coaching the boys team and Heidi (West) Thibideau is back as the coach of the girls team.

The middle school's track program, coached by Matt Warren and Renea Martin, has about 75 participants. Warren, Martin, and Justin Andre are serving as varsity assistants.

"One of the cool things this year is we have a lot of dual sport

athletes," Coach Brock said. "We have five kids running track and playing baseball."

(The five are Gibson Tobin, Josh Hinkle, Greg Morrill, Travis Helsel, and Zac Baker.)

"All the football kids who aren't playing a spring sport are doing the track work-outs in preparation for football," Brock added. "That's a testament to their work ethic."

"The strength of our team is going to be hurdles, mid-distance, relays, and our sheer numbers. Our sheer numbers will help us big time," Coach Brock said. "We will be weak at sprint events and whether or not we can have all of our runners there on the same day, depending on conflicts."

Coach Brock said his athletes have been doing some of their running in the snow to prepare

for the 2004 season. "We're fighting through this weather by training in the snow like Rocky did in Rocky IV, training in the snow in Russia. That's been our motivation."

A few of the boys team's main players will include: (sprinters) Tyler Cragg, Ryan Schmidt, Josh Hinkle, Dusty Parens, Nick Tompkins, Zac Baker, Nick Parkinson; (mid-distance) Shawn Gabriel, Brent Gabriel, Jeff Bancroft, Joe Bancroft, Ryan Feldhauser; (long distance) Reagan Schmidt, Moses Peters; (shot, discus) Greg Morrill, Tim Umior, Travis Brush; (hurdles) Josh Hinkle, Ryan Schmidt; (high jump) Travis Helsel; (long jump) Ryan Schmidt.

The boys and girls track teams open their 2004 season with a meet at GHS on Thursday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.



Girls track athletes run through the snow at practice last Friday.

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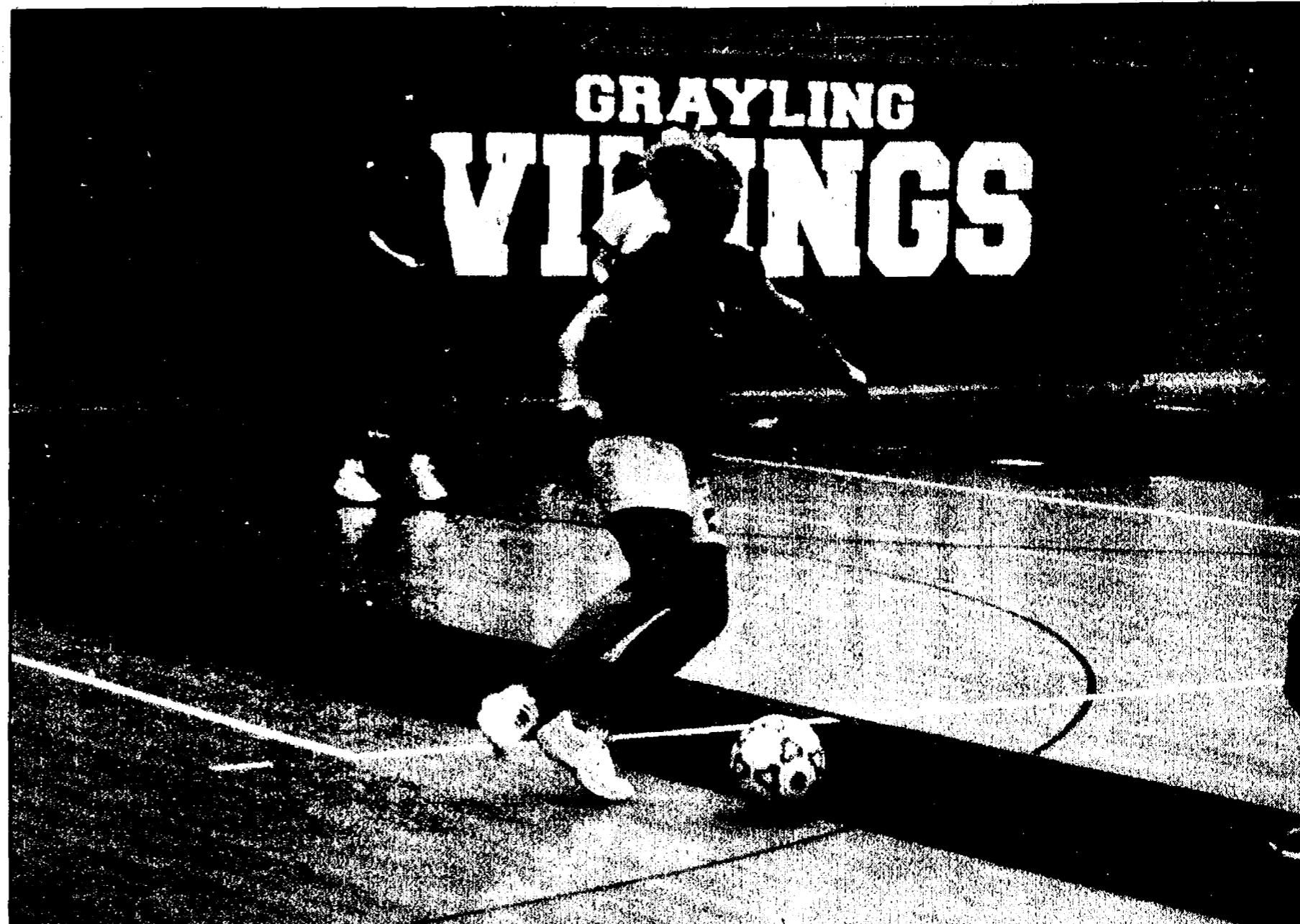
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Casey Mahaffy controls the ball during a varsity girls soccer practice last Thursday.

Girls soccer team prepares for 2004 season

Vikings to field a young team; Coach Haven back for 2nd year

The GHS girls soccer team will field a young squad this year. The team, which has been practicing for about three weeks, has two seniors, five juniors, nine sophomores, and two freshmen.

"We have another young team. We're pretty thick through the middle grades," Coach John Haven said. "We have a fair amount of experience."

Of the team's 18 players, eight have never played organized soccer before. "But there is some talent there," Coach Haven said.

The team's only two seniors are Ashley Hawley and Megan Fekete. Hawley, who is also running track this spring, will play goalkeeper for the Vikings.

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Michelle McGuire passes off to a teammate at a practice last week.

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Tournament Results
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Schultz 19, Thorton 14, Jansen 14, Gullick 5, Jaskowski 2.

Spikes 65 - Thompson 21, Doremire 12, Burrell 11, Potter 9, J. Gardiner 8, T. Gardiner 2, West 2.

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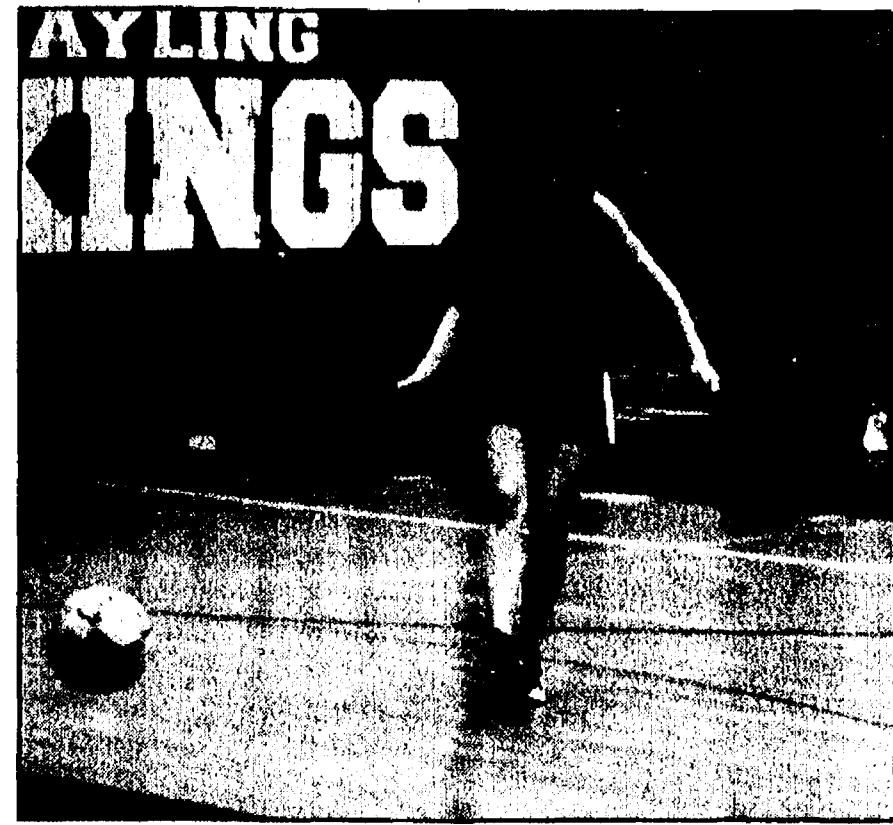
Girls soccer team prepares for 2004 season

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Haven is back coaching the team for a second season. (He also coached the GHS boys soccer team in the fall 2003 season.)

"With a year under my belt I feel more comfortable with what I'm doing," Haven said. "I'm feeling good about this year."

The team's first scheduled contest is a home game vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday, April 13, at 5 p.m. The Vikings play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, April 15, and travel to Roscommon on Friday, April 16.



Jill Seager passes the ball at soccer practice last week.

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High Game: P. D'Amour, 202; V. Balmes, 198; S. Johnson, 193.

Senior Bowling

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High Series: S. Miller, 636; C. Brill, 616; L. Davis, 615. High Game: S. Miller, 257; C. Brill,

S. Miller, 557; J. Hunt, 557; J. Meharg, 533. Mens High Game: J. Hunt, 217; S. Miller, 203; D. Wallace, 194. Womens High Series: D. Harris, 486; N. Glasslee, 483; T. Baker, 457. Womens High Game: T. Baker, 194; T. Rock, 184; D. Harris, 178; N. Glasslee, 178.

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239; T. Sowinski, 234.

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Trout season opens this month

AuSable and Manistee rivers have a lot to offer fishermen



Opening day of trout season is April 24 this year.

pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

In recognition of the fine fishing found in the county, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution designating the greater community of Grayling "The Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States" in September of 1998.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round. Each system offers catches of native Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout to the discerning angler.

There are numerous public accesses, and rental canoes are available for anglers to enjoy the rivers for fishing or sport. Local sport shops and lodging facilities have area maps and generally have information about hatches and water conditions.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season, which is the last Saturday in April (April 24 in 2004).

Afternoon hatches, with little

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets.

The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Browns lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more active. It's a great time to come to northern Michigan and experience fall colors, late lake fishing, bird hunting and Salmon fishing.

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jenny J. Lanvers, a single woman, of 11336 Pebble Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653-7636 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated May 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on May 29, 2003, in Liber 636 Pages 407 through 417, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$37,994.39.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 14th day of April, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagor to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 10, WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

February 27, 2004
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING
LLP
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank
of Gaylord
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

-4-11-18-25-1

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Leisure and Craig Leisure, husband and wife, to Residential Mortgage Corporation (IMC), a Florida Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 25, 1998 and recorded October 15, 1998 in Liber 465, Page 451, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$44,996.00) including interest at the rate of 11.39% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 8 and South half (1/2) of Lot No. 9 Jonawssen Subdivision, Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities

Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 231.3509
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Schreiber and Yvonne M. Schreiber, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 1995, and recorded on May 10, 1995 in Liber 393 on Page 518, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Fifty And 88/100 Dollars (\$54,050.88), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the North 1/4 quarter of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West along the North-South 1/4 line 716.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 533.0 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 250 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 325.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes East 250 feet, thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 325.06 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a 35 foot easement along the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 11, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC C 248,593,1301

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, successor by merger and/or name change to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #016764F01

-11-18-25-1

Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald J. Maher and Linda M. Maher, husband and wife, of 47322 Atwater, Chesterfield, Michigan 48047 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated August 6, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on, August 23, 2001 in Liber 0550 Pages 291 through 299, Crawford County Records, and which, here is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$91,063.13

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagor to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of

Michigan, described as follows:

That part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, LYING NORTH of the East Branch of the AuSable River. SUBJECT TO easement for road purposes 20 feet wide granted across the North end of said premises.

AND
All that part of the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R3W, lying North of the Middle line of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel B: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel C: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel D: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel E: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

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Parcel G: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel H: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel I: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel J: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel K: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel L: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

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Parcel P: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Q: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel R: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel S: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel T: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel U: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel V: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

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Parcel X: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 50 minutes, 12 seconds East, 550 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Y: Part of the Southeast 1/4 - Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4-N

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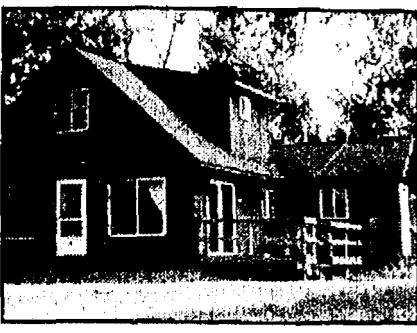
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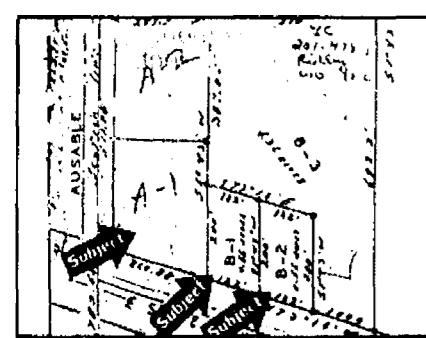
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A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS Chalet with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and snack bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained road. CS-1800 \$99,500



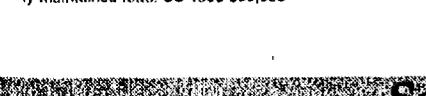
SURROUNDED WITH HARDWOODS New home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and detached garage. Master Suite offers garden tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Kitchen offers beautiful oak cabinets with snack bar, garage disposals, refrigerator, range, oven, broiler, gas stove, and built-in microwave. Washer and dryer. Peaked ceilings. Oak entertainment center in living room. Immediate possession at closing. CS-1793 \$66,900



505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$126,500



AFFORDABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME IN MIO A must see! This freshly remodeled home includes a large fenced back yard, a covered deck, work-shop in garage, 2 storage buildings, updated windows, and beautiful knotty pine interior walls. CH-1910 \$47,500

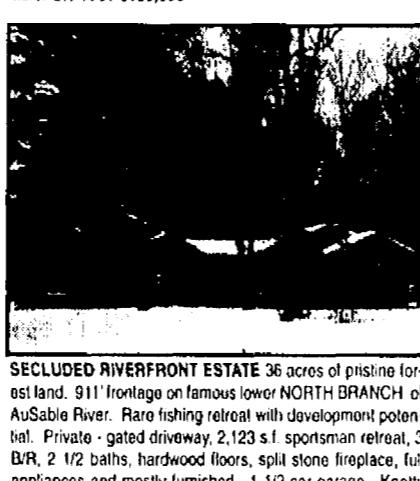


NICE FAMILY HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! Open floor plan to kitchen, dining and living room. Features include an attached greenhouse of the living room. Kitchen offers 25' of oak cabinets. Drywall and carpet throughout. 2 bedrooms have walk-in closets. New roof on house and garage this year. Thermo pane windows. 12' Gazebo in back yard. Beautiful mountain ash tree in front yard. Raised beds in front yard for landscaping. Black top county maintained road. CS-1830 \$66,900

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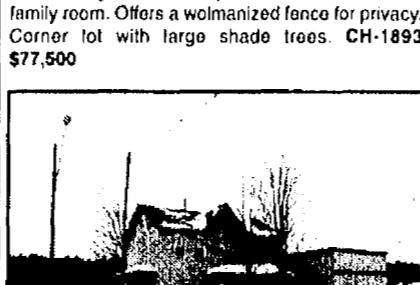
CUSTOM CEDAR SIDING ON 1.1 ACRE OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS Quality Cedar Home located close to town. 3 BR, 3 baths and a 25x25 basement. Floor plan features a 45 foot bolt from the split side entrance in the living room through to the dining area. Lots of closet space and a large finished 2 car attached garage. All furnishing available. CH-1901 \$159,950



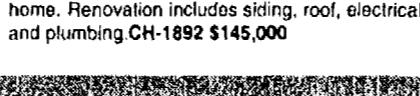
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CLOSE TO THE AUSABLE RIVER! View of the AuSable River! This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, large master BR (13'6" x 21'7") home is just 2 blocks from downtown and close to fishing and canoeing. City amenities include weekly trash pick-up. Extra water well for irrigation. Hook-up for a wood stove in the family room. Offers a walkman fence for privacy. Corner lot with large shade trees. CH-1893 \$77,500



TWO STORY RENOVATED HOME PLUS 1,000 SQ. FT. RETAIL SHOP Looking for retail space. High exposure on corner lot. 5 BR home with 23 x 40' retail/showroom. Currently used as assisted living home. Renovation includes siding, roof, electrical and plumbing. CH-1892 \$145,000



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3. Employment

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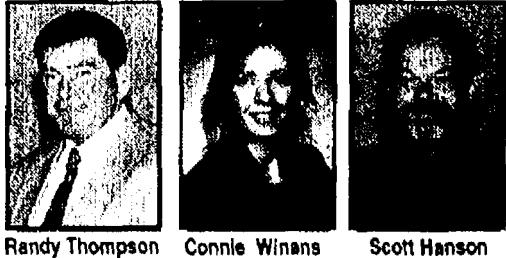
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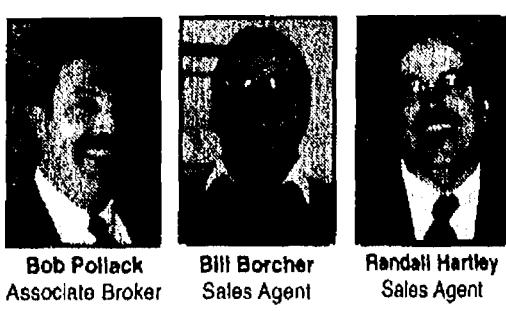
Hourly compensation commensurate with experience. If you possess the qualities described, are positive, flexible and team oriented, please send resume, salary history and cover letter to: Carlisle Paddle, Attn: HR, 4562 N. Downriver Rd., Grayling, 49738 or e-mail hr@jowatcraft.com

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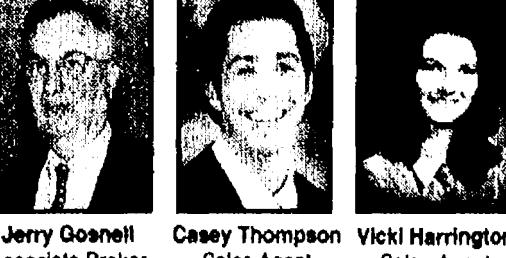
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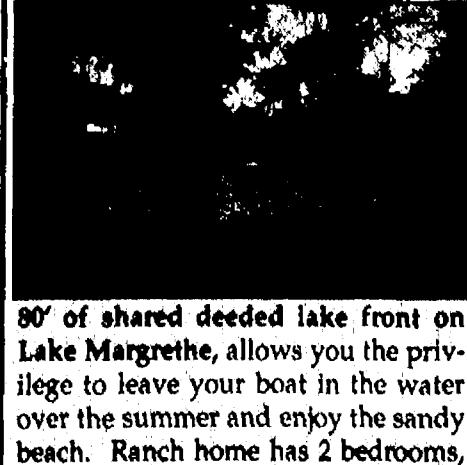


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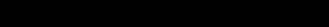
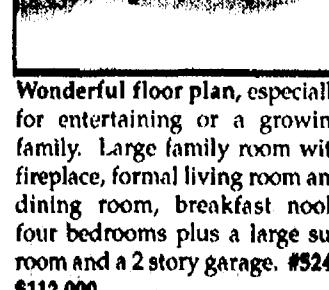
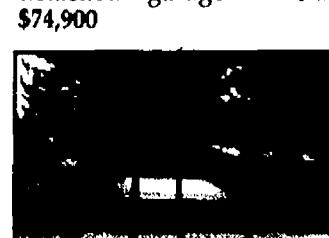
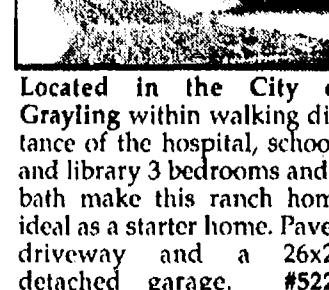
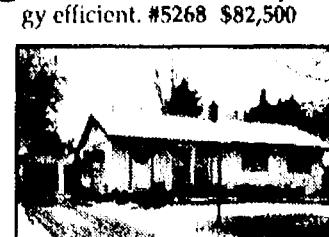


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